

4. Capitalization Examples

A

A-bomb

abstract B, 1, etc.

Academy:

Air Force; the Academy

Andover; the academy

Coast Guard; the Academy

Merchant Marine; the Academy

Military; the Academy

National Academy of Sciences; the

Academy of Sciences; the academy

Naval; the Academy

but service academies

accord, Paris peace (*see* Agreement)

accords, Helsinki

Act (Federal, State, or foreign), short or popular title or with number; the act:

Affordable Care

Appropriations

Classification

Clear Skies

Economy

Flood Control

Military Selective Service

No Child Left Behind

Organic Act of Virgin Islands

Panama Canal

PATRIOT

Revenue

Sarbanes-Oxley

Stockpiling

Tariff

Trademark

Walsh-Healey Act; *but* Walsh-Healey law (or bill)

act, labor-management relations

Acting, if part of capitalized title

Active Duty

Adjutant General, the (*see* The)

Administration, with name; capitalized standing alone if Federal unit:

Farmers Home

Food and Drug

Maritime

Transportation Security

but Obama administration; administration bill, policy, etc.

Administrative Law Judge Davis; Judge Davis; an administrative law judge

Admiralty, British, etc.

Admiralty, Lord of the

Adobe Acrobat Reader

Adviser, Legal (Department of State)

Africa:

east

East Coast

north

South

South-West (Territory of)

West Coast

African American (noun)

African-American (adjective)

Agency, if part of name; capitalized standing alone if referring to Federal unit:

Central Intelligence; the Agency

Agent Orange

Age(s):

Age of Discovery

Dark Ages

Elizabethan Age

Golden Age (of Pericles only)

Middle Ages

but atomic age; Cambrian age; copper age; ice age; missile age; rocket age; space age; stone age; etc.

Agreement, with name; the agreement:

General Agreement on Tariffs and

Trade (GATT); the general agreement

- International Coffee Agreement; the coffee agreement
- North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- Status of Forces; *but* status-of-forces agreements
- United States-Canada Free-Trade Agreement; the free-trade agreement *but* the Geneva agreement; the Potsdam agreement; Paris peace agreement
- Air Force:
- Air National Guard (*see* National)
- Base (with name); Air Force base (*see* Base; Station)
- Civil Air Patrol; Civil Patrol; the patrol Command (*see* Command)
- One (Presidential plane)
- Reserve
- Reserve Officers' Training Corps
- Airport: LaGuardia; Reagan National; the airport
- Alaska Native:
- the Native; *but* Ohio native, a native of Alaska, etc.
- Al Jazeera
- Alliance, Farmers', etc.; the alliance
- alliances and coalitions (*see also* powers):
- Allied Powers; the powers (World Wars I and II)
- Atlantic alliance
- Axis, the; Axis Powers; the powers
- Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg)
- Big Four (European); of the Pacific
- Big Three
- Central Powers; the powers (World War I)
- Coalition of the Willing
- European Economic Community
- Fritalux (France, Italy, Benelux countries)
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (*see* Organization)
- Western Powers
- Allied (World Wars I and II):
- armies
- Governments
- Nations
- peoples
- Powers; the powers; *but* European powers
- Supreme Allied Commander
- Allies, the (World Wars I and II); *also* members of Western bloc (political entity); *but* our allies; weaker allies, etc.
- al-Qaida
- Alzheimer('s) disease
- Ambassador:
- British, etc.; the Ambassador; the Senior Ambassador; His Excellency
- Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary; the Ambassador; Ambassador at Large; an ambassador
- amendment:
- Baker amendment
- Social Security Amendments of 1983; 1983 amendments; the Social Security amendments; the amendments to the Constitution (U.S.); *but* First Amendment, 14th Amendment, etc.; the Amendment
- American:
- Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO); the federation
- Gold Star Mothers, Inc.; Gold Star Mothers; a Mother
- Legion (*see* Legion)
- National Red Cross; the Red Cross
- War Mothers; a Mother
- AmeriCorps Program
- Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation)
- Ancient Free and Accepted Masons; a Mason; a Freemason

Annex, if part of name of building; the annex
 Antarctic Ocean (*see* Arctic; Ocean)
 appendix 1, A, II, etc.; the appendix; *but*
 Appendix II (when part of title);
 Appendix II: ¹ Education Directory
 appropriation bill (*see also* bill):
 deficiency
 Department of Agriculture
 for any governmental unit
 independent offices
 aquaculture; *ac*quiculture
 Arab States
 Arabic numerals
 Arboretum, National; the Arboretum
 Archipelago, Philippine, etc.; the archipelago
 Architect of the Capitol; the Architect
 Archivist of the United States; the Archivist
 Arctic:
 Circle
 currents
 Ocean
 zone
 but subarctic
 arctic (descriptive adjective):
 clothing
 conditions
 fox
 grass
 night
 seas
 Area, if part of name; the area:
 Cape Hatteras Recreational
 White Pass Recreation; etc.
 but area 2; free trade area; Metropolitan
 Washington area; bay area;
 nonsmoking area
 Arlington:
 Memorial Amphitheater; the Memorial
 Amphitheater; the amphitheater
 Memorial Bridge (*see* Bridge)

National Cemetery (*see* Cemetery)
 Arm, Infantry, etc. (military); the arm
 Armed Forces (synonym for overall
 Military Establishment):
 British
 Retirement Home (AFRH)
 of the United States
 armed services
 armistice
 Armory, Springfield, etc.; the armory
 Army, American or foreign, if part of name;
 capitalized standing alone only if
 referring to U.S. Army:
 Active; Active-Duty
 Adjutant General, the
 All-Volunteer
 Band (*see* Band)
 branches; Gordon Highlanders; Royal
 Guards; etc.
 Brigade, 1st, etc.; the brigade;
 Robinson's brigade
 Command (*see* Command)
 Command and General Staff College
 (*see* College)
 Company A; A Company; the company
 Confederate (referring to Southern
 Confederacy); the Confederates
 Continental; Continentals
 Corps, Reserve (*see* Corps)
 District of Washington (military); the
 district
 Division, 1st, etc.; the division
 Engineers (the Corps of Engineers); the
 Engineers; *but* Army engineer
 Establishment
 Field Establishment
 Field Forces (*see* Forces)
 Finance Department; the Department
 1st, etc.
 General of the Army; *but* the general
 General Staff; the Staff
 Headquarters, 1st Regiment

¹ The colon is preferred; a dash is permissible;
but a comma is too weak.

Headquarters of the; the headquarters
 Regiment, 1st, etc.; the regiment
 Regular Army officer; a Regular
 Revolutionary (American, British,
 French, etc.)
 service
 Surgeon General, the (*see* Surgeon
 General)
 Volunteer; the Volunteers; a Volunteer
 army:
 Lee's army; *but* Clark's 5th Army
 mobile
 mule, shoe, etc.
 of occupation; occupation army
 Red
 Arsenal, Rock Island, etc.; the arsenal
 article 15; *but* Article 15, when part of title:
 Article 15: Uniform Code of
 Military Justice
 Articles:
 of Confederation (U.S.)
 of Impeachment; the articles
 Asian American (noun)
 Asian-American (adjective)
 Assembly (*see* United Nations)
 Assembly of New York; the assembly (*see*
 also Legislative Assembly)
 Assistant, if part of capitalized title; the
 assistant
 assistant, Presidential (*see* Presidential)
 Assistant Secretary (*see* Secretary)
 Associate Justice (*see* Supreme Court)
 Association, if part of name; capitalized
 standing alone if referring to
 Federal unit:
 American Association for the
 Advancement of Science; the
 association
 Federal National Mortgage (Fannie
 Mae); the Association
 Young Women's Christian; the
 association

Astrophysical Observatory (*see*
 Observatory)
 Atlantic (*see also* Pacific):
 Charter (*see* Charter)
 coast
 Coast States
 community
 Destroyer Flotilla; the destroyer flotilla;
 the flotilla
 Fleet (*see* Fleet)
 mid-Atlantic
 North
 seaboard
 slope
 South
 time, standard time (*see* time)
 but cisatlantic; transatlantic
 Attorney General (U.S. or foreign country);
 but attorney general of Maine, etc.
 attorney, U.S.
 Authority, capitalized standing alone if
 referring to Federal unit:
 National Shipping; the Authority
 Port Authority of New York and New
 Jersey; the port authority; the
 authority
 Tennessee Valley; the Authority
 Auto Train (Amtrak)
 autumn
 Avenue, Constitution, etc.; the avenue
 Award:
 Academy
 Distinguished Service
 Merit
 Mother of the Year
 the award (*see also* decorations, etc.)
 Axis, the (*see* alliances)
 Ayatollah; an ayatollah

B

baby boomer
 Badlands (SD and NE)
 Balkan States (*see* States)

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| Baltic States (<i>see</i> States) | battlefield, Bull Run, etc. |
| Band, if part of name; the band: Army, Marine, Navy | battleground, Manassas, etc. |
| Bank, if part of name; the bank; capitalized standing alone if referring to international bank: Export-Import Bank of the United States; Ex-Im Bank; the Bank | Bay, San Francisco Bay area; the bay area |
| Farm Loan Bank of Dallas; Dallas Farm Loan Bank; farm loan bank; farm loan bank at Dallas | Belt, if part of name; the belt: Bible Farm Rust Sun <i>but</i> money belt |
| Farmers & Mechanics, etc. | Beltway, capitalized with name; the beltway |
| Federal Land Bank of Louisville; Louisville Federal Land Bank; land bank at Louisville; Federal land bank | Bench (<i>see</i> Supreme Bench) |
| Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Richmond Federal Reserve Bank; <i>but</i> Reserve bank at Richmond; Federal Reserve bank; Reserve bank; Reserve city | Benelux (<i>see</i> alliances) |
| First National, etc. | Bible; Biblical; Scriptures; Ten Commandments; etc. (<i>see also</i> book) |
| German Central; the Bank | bicentennial |
| International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; the Bank <i>but</i> blood bank, central reserve, soil bank | bill, Kiess; Senate bill 217; House bill 31 (<i>see also</i> appropriation bill) |
| Bar, if part of name; Maryland (State) Bar Association; Maryland (State) bar; the State bar; the bar association | Bill of Rights (historic document); <i>but</i> GI bill of rights |
| Barracks, if part of name; the barracks: Carlisle Disciplinary (Leavenworth) Marine (District of Columbia) <i>but</i> A barracks; barracks A; etc. | Bizonia; bizonal; bizone |
| Base, Andrews Air Force; Air Force base; the base (<i>see also</i> Naval); <i>but</i> Sandia Base | Black (African American) |
| Basin (<i>see</i> geographic terms) | Black Caucus (<i>see</i> Congressional) |
| Battery, the (New York City) | bloc (<i>see</i> Western) |
| Battle, if part of name; the battle: of Gettysburg; <i>but</i> battle at Gettysburg; etc. of Fallujah; of the Marne; of the Wilderness; of Waterloo; etc. | block (grants) |
| | Bluegrass region, etc. |
| | Bluetooth |
| | B'nai B'rith |
| | Board, if part of name; capitalized standing alone only if referring to Federal or international board: Employees' Compensation Appeals Federal Reserve (<i>see</i> Federal) Military Production and Supply (NATO) National Labor Relations of Directors (Federal unit); <i>but</i> board of directors (nongovernmental) of Health of Montgomery County; Montgomery County Board of Health; the board of health; the board of Regents (Smithsonian) of Visitors (Military and Naval Academies) |

on Geographic Names
 Railroad Retirement
 Boko Haram
 bond:
 Government
 savings
 series EE
 Treasury
 book:
 books of the Bible
 First Book of Samuel; etc.
 Good Book (synonym for Bible)
 book 1, I, etc.; *but* Book 1, when part of title:
 Book 1: The Golden Legend
 Boolean:
 logic
 operator
 search
 border, United States-Mexican
 Borough, if part of name: Borough of the
 Bronx; the borough
 Botanic Garden (National); the garden (not
 Botanical Gardens)
 Bowl, Dust, Rose, Super, etc.; the bowl
 Boy Scouts (the organization); a Boy Scout;
 a Scout; Scouting; Eagle Scout;
 Explorer Scout
 Branch, if part of name; capitalized
 standing alone only if referring to a
 Federal unit:
 Accounts
 Public Buildings
 but executive, judicial, or legislative
 branch
 Bridge, if part of name; the bridge:
 Arlington Memorial; Memorial;
 Francis Scott Key; Key
 but Baltimore & Ohio Railroad bridge
 Brother(s) (adherent of religious order)
 budget:
 department
 estimate
 Federal

message
 performance-type
 President's
 Budget of the United States Government,
 the Budget (publication)
 Building, if part of name; the building:
 Capitol (*see* Capitol Building)
 Colorado
 House (or Senate) Office
 Investment
 Russell Senate Office
 Cannon House Office
 Pentagon
 the National Archives; the Archives
 Treasury; Treasury Annex
 Bulletin 420; Farmers' Bulletin No. 420
 Bureau, if part of name; capitalized
 standing alone if referring to Federal
 or international unit:
 of Customs (name changed to U.S.
 Customs and Border Protection)
 of Engraving and Printing
 of Indian Affairs

C

C-SPAN
 Cabinet, American or foreign, if part of
 name or standing alone (*see also*
 foreign cabinets):
 British Cabinet; the Cabinet
 the President's Cabinet; the Cabinet;
 Cabinet officer, member
 Calendar, if part of name; the calendar:
 Consent; etc.
 House
 No. 99; Calendars Nos. 1 and 2
 of Bills and Resolutions
 Private
 Senate
 Unanimous Consent
 Union
 Wednesday (legislative)
 Cambrian age (*see* Ages)

Camp Lejeune; David, etc.; the camp
 Canal, with name; the canal:
 Cross-Florida Barge
 Isthmian
 Panama
 Cape (*see* geographic terms)
 Capital, Capital City, National Capital
 (Washington, DC); *but* the capital
 (State)
 Capitol Building (with State name); the
 capitol
 Capitol, the (Washington, DC):
 Architect of
 Building
 caucus room
 Chamber
 Cloakroom
 dome
 Grounds
 Halls (House and Senate)
 Halls of Congress
 Hill; the Hill
 Police (*see* Police)
 Power Plant
 Prayer Room
 Press Gallery, etc.
 rotunda
 Senate wing
 stationery room
 Statuary Hall
 the well (House or Senate)
 west front
 catch-22
 Caucasian (*see* White)
 caucus: Republican; *but* Congressional
 Black Caucus (incorporated name);
 Sun Belt Caucus
 CD
 Cemetery, if part of name: Arlington
 National; the cemetery
 Census:
 Twenty-third Decennial (title);
 Twenty-third (title); the census

2000 census
 2000 Census of Agriculture; the census
 of agriculture; the census
 the 23d and subsequent decennial
 censuses
 Center, if part of name; the Center
 (Federal); the center (non-Federal):
 Agricultural Research, etc.; the Center
 (Federal)
 Kennedy Center for the Performing
 Arts; the Kennedy Center; the
 Center (Federal)
 the Lincoln Center; the center (non-
 Federal)
 central Asia, etc.
 Central America
 Central Europe
 Central States
 central time (*see* time)
 century, first, 21st, etc.
 Chairman, Chairwoman, Chair:
 of the Board of Directors; the
 Chairman (Federal); *but* chairman of
 the board of directors (non-Federal)
 of the Committee of the Whole House;
 the Chairman
 of the Federal Trade Commission; the
 Chairman
 Vice
 chairman, chairwoman, chair
 (congressional):
 of the Appropriations Committee
 of the Subcommittee on Banking
 but Chairman Rogers, Chairwoman
 Capito
 Chair, the, if personified
 Chamber of Commerce; the chamber:
 of Ada; Ada Chamber of Commerce;
 the chamber of commerce
 of the United States; U.S. Chamber of
 Commerce; the chamber of
 commerce; national chamber
 Chamber, the (Senate or House)

channel 3 (TV); the channel
 Chaplain (House or Senate); *but* Navy chaplain
 chapter 5, II, etc.; *but* Chapter 5, when part of title: Chapter 5: Research and Development; Washington chapter, Red Cross
 Chargé d’Affaires, British, etc.; the Chargé d’Affaires; the Chargé
 chart 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Chart 2, when part of legend: Chart 2.—Army strength
 Charter, capitalized with name; the charter: Atlantic
 United Nations
 cheese: Camembert, Cheddar, Parmesan, Provolone, Roquefort, etc.
 Chief, if referring to head of Federal unit; the Chief:
 Clerk
 Forester (*see* Forester)
 Intelligence Office
 Judge
 Justice (U.S. Supreme Court); *but* chief justice (of a State)
 Magistrate (the President)
 of Division of Publications
 of Engineers (Army)
 of Naval Operations
 of Staff
 Christian; Christendom; Christianity; Christianize; *but* christen
 church and state
 church calendar:
 Christmas
 Easter
 Lent
 Pentecost (Whitsuntide)
 Church, if part of name of organization or building
 Circle, if part of name; the circle:
 Arctic
 Logan
but great circle

Circular 420
 cities, sections of, official or popular names:
 East Side
 French Quarter (New Orleans)
 Latin Quarter (Paris)
 North End
 Northwest Washington, etc. (District of Columbia); the Northwest; *but* northwest (directional)
 the Loop (Chicago)
 City, if part of corporate or popular name; the city:
 Kansas City; the two Kansas Citys
 Mexico City
 New York City; *but* city of New York
 Twin Cities
 Washington City; *but* city of Washington
 Windy City (Chicago)
but Reserve city (*see* Bank)
 civil action No. 46
 civil defense
 Civil War (*see* War)
 Clan, if part of tribal name; Clan MacArthur; the clan
 class 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Class 2 when part of title: Class 2: Leather Products
 Clerk, the, of the House of Representatives; of the Supreme Court of the United States
 clerk, the, of the Senate
 client
 client-server
 cloud computing; the cloud
 coal sizes: pea, barley, buckwheat, stove, etc.
 coalition; coalition force; coalition members, etc.
 coast: Atlantic, east, gulf, west, etc.
 Coast Guard, U.S.; the Coast Guard; Coastguardsman Smith; *but* a coastguardsman; a guardsman; Reserve
 Coastal Plain (Atlantic and Gulf)

Code (in shortened title of a publication);
the code:

District
Federal Criminal
Internal Revenue (*also* Tax Code)
International (signal)
of Federal Regulations
Penal; Criminal; etc.
Pennsylvania State
Radio
Television
Uniform Code of Military Justice
United States
ZIP Code (copyrighted)
but civil code; flag code; Morse code

codel (congressional delegation)

collection, Brady, etc.; the collection

collector of customs

College, if part of name; the college:

Armed Forces Staff
Command and General Staff
Gettysburg
National War
of Bishops
but electoral college

college degrees: bachelor of arts, master's, etc.

Colonials (American Colonial Army); *but*
colonial times, etc.

Colonies, the:

Thirteen
Thirteen American
Thirteen Original
but 13 separate Colonies

colonists, the

Command, capitalize with name; the
command:

Air Force Materiel
Army
Central (CENCOM)
Naval Space
Zone of Interior

Commandant, the (Coast Guard or Marine
Corps only)

Commandos, the; Commando raid; a
commando

Commission (if part of name; capitalized
standing alone if referring to Federal
or international commission):

International Boundary, United States
and Canada
of Fine Arts
Public Buildings

Commissioner, if referring to Federal or
international commission; the
Commissioner:

Land Bank; *but* land bank
commissioner loans
of Customs and Border Protection
U.S. (International Boundary
Commission, etc.)

but a U.S. commissioner

Committee (or Subcommittee) (if part of
name; the Committee, if referring to
international or noncongressional
Federal committee or to the
Committee of the Whole, the
Committee of the Whole House, or
the Committee of the Whole House on
the state of the Union):

American Medical Association
Committee on Education; the
committee on education; the
committee

Appropriations, etc.; the committee;
Subcommittee on Appropriations; the
subcommittee; subcommittee of the
Appropriations Committee

Democratic National; the national
committee; the committee;
Democratic national committeeman

Democratic policy committee; the
committee

Joint Committee on Printing; the Joint
Committee; the committee; *but* a joint
committee

- of Defense Ministers (NATO); the Committee (*see also* Organization, North Atlantic Treaty)
- of One Hundred, etc.; the committee on Finance; the committee
- President's Advisory Committee on Management; the Committee
- Republican National; the national committee; the committee; the Republican national committeeman
- Republican policy committee; the committee
- Senate policy committee
- Subcommittee on Immigration; the subcommittee
- but* Baker committee
- ad hoc committee
- conference committee
- Committee Print No. 32; Committee Prints Nos. 8 and 9; committee print
- Common Cause
- Common Core State Standards Initiative; Common Core
- Commonwealth:
 - British Commonwealth; the Commonwealth
 - of Australia
 - of Kentucky
 - of Massachusetts
 - of Pennsylvania
 - of Virginia
- Communist Party; a Communist compact, U.S. marine fisheries, etc.; the compact
- Company, if part of name; capitalized standing alone if referring to unit of Federal Government:
 - Procter & Gamble Co.; the company
- Comptroller of the Currency; the Comptroller
- Comptroller General (U.S.); the Comptroller
- Comsat
- Concor
- Confederacy (of the South)
- Confederate:
 - Army
 - flag
 - Government
 - soldier
 - States
- Confederation, Articles of
- Conference, if referring to governmental (U.S.) or international conference:
 - Bretton Woods; the Conference
 - Judicial Conference of the United States; U.S. Judicial Conference; Judicial Conference; the Conference
 - Tenth Annual Conference of the United Methodist Churches; the conference
- Congress (convention), if part of name; capitalized standing alone if referring to international congress:
 - of Industrial Organizations
 - of Parents and Teachers, National; the congress
- Congress (legislature), if referring to national congress:
 - of Bolivia, etc.; the Congress
 - of the United States; First, Second, 10th, 103d, etc.; the Congress; Library of
- Congressional:
 - Black Caucus; the Black Caucus; the caucus
 - Directory, the directory
 - District, First, 10th, etc.; the First District; the congressional district; the district
 - Medal of Honor (*see* decorations)
 - but* congressional action, committee, etc.
- Congressman; Congresswoman;
 - Congressman at Large; Member of Congress; Member; membership
- Conservative Party; a Conservative

Constitution, with name of country;
capitalized standing alone when
referring to a specific national
constitution; *but* New York State
Constitution; the constitution
constitutional
consul, British, general, etc.
consulate, British, etc.
Consumer Price Index (official title); the
price index; the index; *but* a
consumers' price index (descriptive)
Continent, only if following name;
North American Continent; the
continent; *but* the Continent
(continental Europe)
Continental:
Army; the Army
Congress; the Congress
Divide (*see* Divide)
Outer Continental Shelf
Shelf; the shelf; a continental shelf
continental Europe, United States, etc.
Continental (Revolutionary soldiers)
Convention, governmental (U.S.),
international, or national political;
the convention:
89th National Convention of the
American Legion
Constitutional (United States, 1787);
the Convention
Democratic National; Democratic
Genocide (international)
on International Civil Aviation
Republican National; Republican
Universal Postal Union; Postal Union
also International Postal; Warsaw
copper age (*see* Ages)
Corporation, if part of name; the
Corporation, if referring to unit of
Federal Government:
Commodity Credit
Federal Deposit Insurance
National Railroad Passenger (Amtrak)

Rand Corp.; the corporation
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development
(American)
St. Lawrence Seaway Management
(Canadian)
Union Carbide Corp.; the corporation
Virgin Islands
Corps, if part of name; the corps, all other
uses:
Adjutant General's
Army Reserve
Chemical
Finance
Foreign Service Officer (*see* Foreign
Service)
Job
Judge Advocate General's
Marine (*see* Marine Corps)
Medical
Military Police
Nurse
of Cadets (West Point)
of Engineers; Army Engineers; the
Engineers; *but* Army engineer; the
corps
Ordnance
Peace; Peace Corpsman; the corpsman
Quartermaster
Reserve Officers' Training (ROTC)
VII Corps, etc.
Signal
Transportation
Youth
but diplomatic corps
corpsman; hospital corpsman
corridor, Northeast
Council, if part of name; capitalized
standing alone if referring to Federal
or international unit (*see also* United
Nations):
Boston City; the council
Her Majesty's Privy Council; the Privy
Council; the Council

National Security; the Council of Foreign Ministers (NATO); the Council
 of the Organization of American States; the Council
 Philadelphia City; the council
 counsel; general counsel
 County, Prince George's; county of Prince George's; County Kilkenny, etc.; Loudoun and Fairfax Counties; the county
 country
 Court (of law) capitalized if part of name; capitalized standing alone if referring to the Supreme Court of the United States, to the Court of Impeachment (U.S. Senate), or to an international court:
 Circuit Court of the United States for the Tenth Circuit; Circuit Court for the Tenth Circuit; the circuit court; the court; the tenth circuit
 Court of Appeals for the State of North Carolina, etc.; the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals; the court of appeals; the court
 Court of Claims; the court
 Court of Impeachment, the Senate; the Court
 District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Missouri; the district court; the court
 International Court of Justice; the Court
 Permanent Court of Arbitration; the Court
 Superior Court of the District of Columbia; the superior court; the court
 Supreme Court of the United States (*see* Supreme Court)
 Supreme Court of Virginia, etc.; the supreme court; the court

Tax Court; the court
 U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; the court
 Covenant, League of Nations; the covenant
 Creed, Apostles'; the Creed
 Crown, if referring to a ruler; *but* crown colony, lands, etc.
 Current, if part of name; the current:
 Humboldt
 Japan
 North Equatorial
 customhouse; customs official
 czar; czarist

D

D-Day
 Dalai Lama
 Dalles, The; *but* the Dalles region
 Dark Ages (*see* Ages)
 Daughters of the American Revolution; a Daughter
 daylight saving time
 Declaration, capitalized with name: of Independence; the Declaration of Panama; the declaration
 decorations, medals, etc., awarded by United States or any foreign national government; the medal, the cross, the ribbon (*see also* Award):
 Air Medal
 Bronze Star Medal
 Commendation Ribbon
 Congressional Medal of Honor
 Croix de Guerre
 Distinguished Flying Cross
 Distinguished Service Cross
 Distinguished Service Medal
 Good Conduct Medal
 Legion of Merit
 Medal for Merit
 Medal of Freedom
 Medal of Honor

Purple Heart
 Silver Star Medal
 Soldier's Medal
 Victoria Cross
 Victory Medal
but oakleaf cluster
also Carnegie Medal; Olympic Gold Medal; Mother of the Year ;
but gold medal
 Decree (*see* Executive); Royal Decree
 Deep South
 Defense Establishment (*see* Establishment)
 Deity, words denoting, capitalized
 Delegate (U.S. Congress)
 Delegates, Virginia House of
 delegate (to a conference); the delegate; the delegation
 Delta, Mississippi River; the delta
 Democratic Party; a Democrat
 Department, if part of name; capitalized standing alone if referring to a Federal or international unit:
 of Agriculture
 of the Treasury
 of Veterans Affairs
 Yale University Department of Economics; the department of economics; the department
 Department of New York, American Legion
 department:
 executive
 judicial
 legislative
 Depot, if part of name; the depot (*see also* Station)
 Depression, Great
 Deputy, if part of capitalized title; *but* the deputy

derivatives of proper names:

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| alaska seal (fur) | holland cloth |
| angora wool | hoolamite detector |
| angstrom unit | hudson seal (fur) |
| argyle wool | india ink |
| artesian well | india rubber |
| astrakhan fabric | italic type |
| babbitt metal | jamaica ginger |
| benday process | japan varnish |
| bologna | jersey fabric |
| bordeaux | johnin test |
| bourbon whiskey | joule |
| bowie knife | knickerbocker |
| braille | kraft paper |
| brazil nut | lambert |
| brazilwood | leghorn hat |
| brewer's yeast | levant leather |
| bristolboard | levantine silk |
| brussel sprouts | lilliputian |
| brussels carpet | logan tent |
| bunsen burner | london purple |
| burley tobacco | lyonnaise potatoes |
| canada balsam | macadamized road |
| (microscopy) | mach (no period) |
| carlsbad twins | number |
| (petrography) | madras cloth |
| cashmere shawl | maginot line |
| castile soap | (nonliteral) |
| cesarean section | manila paper |
| chantilly lace | maraschino cherry |
| chesterfield coat | mason jar |
| china clay | maxwell |
| chinese blue | melba toast |
| collins (drink) | mercerized fabric |
| congo red | merino sheep |
| cordovan leather | molotov cocktail |
| coulomb | morocco leather |
| curie | morris chair |
| degaussing apparatus | murphy bed |
| delftware | navy blue |
| derby hat | nelson, half nelson, etc. |
| diesel engine, dieselize | neon light |
| dixie cup | newton |
| dotted swiss | nissen hut |
| epsom salt | norfolk jacket |
| fedora hat | oriental rug |
| frankfurter | oxford shoe |
| french chalk | panama hat |
| french dressing | parianware |
| french-fried potatoes | paris green |
| fuller's earth | parkerhouse roll |
| gargantuan | pasteurized milk |
| gauss | persian lamb |
| georgette crepe | petri dish |
| german silver | pharisaic |
| gilbert | philistine |
| glauber salt | photostat |
| gothic type | pitman arm |
| graham cracker | pitot tube |
| herculean task | plaster of paris |
| hessian fly | prussian blue |

quisling
 quixotic idea
 quonset hut
 rembert wheel
 roentgen
 roman candle
 roman cement
 roman type
 russia leather
 russian bath
 rutherford
 sanforize
 saratoga chips
 scotch plaid, *but*
 Scotch tape
 (trademark)
 shanghai
 siamese twins
 spanish omelet

stillson wrench
 surah silk
 swiss cheese
 timothy grass
 turkey red
 turkish towel
 utopia, utopian
 vandyke collar
 vaseline
 venetian blind
 venturi tube
 victoria (carriage)
 vienna bread
 virginia reel
 wedgwoodware
 wheatstone bridge
 wilton rug
 zeppelin

dial-up

Diet, Japanese (legislative body)

diplomatic corps (*see also* Corps; service)

Director, if referring to head of Federal or
international unit; the Director:

District Director of Internal Revenue
 of the Government Publishing Office
 of the Fish and Wildlife Service
 of National Intelligence
 of the Mint

Office of Management and Budget
but director, board of directors
 (nongovernmental)

Director General of Foreign Service; the
Director General; the Director

diseases and related terms (*see* rule 3.32):

AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency
 syndrome)
 Alzheimer('s) disease
 autism, autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
 cerebral palsy
 Down syndrome
 Ebola virus
 German measles
 HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
 Hodgkin: lymphoma; disease
 Lyme disease
 Marfan syndrome
 Ménière's disease

myasthenia gravis

Parkinson('s) disease

post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

spina bifida

Zika virus

Distinguished Service Medal, etc. (*see*
decorations)

District, if part of name; the district:

Alexandria School District No. 4;
 school district No. 4

Congressional (with number)

Federal (*see* Federal)

Los Angeles Water; the water district
but customs district No. 2; first assembly
 district; public utility district

District of Columbia; the District:

Anacostia Flats; the flats
 Arlington Memorial Bridge; the
 Memorial Bridge; the bridge
 Children's Hospital; the hospital
 District jail; the jail; DC jail
 Ellipse, the
 Mall, The National; The Mall
 Mayor (when pertaining to the District
 of Columbia only)

Metropolitan Police; Metropolitan
 police officer; the police
 police court

Public Library; the library

Reflecting Pool; the pool

Tidal Basin; the basin

Washington Channel; the channel

Divide, Continental (Rocky Mountains);
the divide

Divine Father; *but* divine guidance, divine
providence, divine service

Division, Army, if part of name: 1st Cavalry
 Division; 1st Air Cavalry Division; the
 division

Division, if referring to Federal
 governmental unit; the Division:
 Buick Motor Division; the division;
 a division of General Motors

Passport; the Division
but Trinity River division
 (reclamation); the division
 Dixie
 docket No. 66; dockets Nos. 76 and 77
 Doctrine, Monroe; the doctrine; *but*
 Truman, Eisenhower doctrine
 doctrine, fairness
 Document, if part of name; the document:
 Document No. 130
 Document Numbered One Hundred
 Thirty
 draconian
 drawing II, A, 3, etc.; *but* Drawing 2 when
 part of title: Drawing 2.—
 Hydroelectric Power Development
 dumpster
 Dust Bowl (*see* Bowl)

E

Earth (planet)
 East:
 Coast (Africa)
 Middle, Mideast (Asia)
 Near (Balkans)
 Side of New York
 South Central States
 the East (section of United States)
 east:
 Africa
 coast (U.S.)
 Pennsylvania
 Eastern:
 Gulf States
 Middle, Mideast (Asia)
 North Central States
 Shore (Chesapeake Bay)
 States
 United States
 eastern:
 France
 seaboard
 Wisconsin

easterner
 Ebola virus
 eBook
 EE bond
 electoral college; the electors
 Elizabethan Age (*see* Ages)
 email (lowercase within a sentence)
 Email (uppercase “E” to start a sentence)
 Emancipation Proclamation (*see*
 Proclamation)
 Embassy, British, etc.; the Embassy
 Emperor, Japanese, etc.; the Emperor
 Empire, Roman; the empire
 Engine Company, Bethesda; engine
 company No. 6; No. 6 engine
 company; the company
 Engineer officer, etc. (of Engineer Corps);
 the Engineers
 Engineers, Chief of (Army)
 Engineers, Corps of (*see* Corps)
 Envoy Extraordinary and Minister
 Plenipotentiary; the Envoy; the
 Minister
 Equator, the; equatorial
 Establishment, if part of name; the
 establishment:
 Army
 Army Field
 Defense
 Federal
 Military
 Naval
 Naval Establishments Regs
 Navy
 Postal
 Regular
 Reserve
 Shore
 but civil establishment; legislative
 establishment
 Estate, Girard (a foundation); the estate
 estate, third (the commons); fourth
 (the press); tax; etc.

Eurodollar, euro
 Excellency, His, Her; Their Excellencies
 Exchange, New York Stock; the stock exchange; the exchange
 Executive (President of United States):
 Chief
 Decree No. 100; Decree 100; *but* Executive decree; direction
 Mansion; the mansion; the White House Office; the Office
 Order No. 34; Order 34; *but* Executive order
 power
 executive:
 agreement
 branch
 communication
 department
 document
 paper
 privilege
 exhibit 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Exhibit 2, when part of title: Exhibit 2: Capital Expenditures, 1935–49
 Expedition, Byrd; Lewis and Clark; the expedition
 Exposition, California-Pacific International, etc.; the exposition

F

Fair Deal
 Fair, World's, etc.; the fair; Texas State Fair
 fall (season)
 Falls, Niagara; the falls
 Far East, Far Eastern; Far West (U.S.); *but* far western
 Farm, if part of name; the farm:
 Johnson Farm; *but* Johnson's farm
 San Diego Farm
 Wild Tiger Farm
 Fascist; fascism
 Father of our Country (Washington)
 FDsys

Fed, the (no period)
 Federal (synonym for United States or other sovereign power):
 Depository Library Program *but* Federal depository library, libraries
 Digital System
 District (Mexico)
 Establishment
 Government (of any national government)
 grand jury; the grand jury
 land bank (*see* Bank)
 Register (publication); the Register
 Reserve Board, the Board; *also* Federal Reserve System, the System; Federal Reserve Board Regulation W, *but* Federal regulation W
 but a federal form of government
 federally
 fellow, fellowship (academic)
 Field, Wrigley, Frank Wiley, etc.; the field
 figure 2, A, II, etc. (illustration); *but* Figure 2, when part of legend: Figure 2.—
 Market scenes
 firewall
 firm names:
 ACDelco
 Amazon
 America Online (AOL)
 Apple
 Bausch & Lomb Inc.
 BP
 Bristol-Myers Squibb
 Carson, Pirie, Scott & Co.
 Coldwell Banker
 Colgate-Palmolive Co.
 Comcast
 DIRECTV
 Dow Jones & Co., Inc.
 Dun & Bradstreet
 eBay
 E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
 Facebook

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| FedEx | flags, foreign: |
| GlaxoSmithKline | Tricolor (French) |
| Google | Union Jack (British) |
| Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex, Inc. | United Nations |
| Hartmarx Corp. | Fleet, if part of name; the fleet: |
| Hewlett-Packard | Atlantic |
| Houghton Mifflin Co. | Channel |
| Ingersoll-Rand Co. | Grand |
| Intel Corp. | High Seas |
| J.C. Penney Co., Inc. | Marine Force |
| Johns-Manville Corp. | Naval Reserve |
| Kennecott Exploration Co. | Pacific |
| Kmart | 6th Fleet, etc. |
| Libbey-Owens-Ford Co. | U.S. |
| LinkedIn | flex fuel |
| Macmillan Co. | floor (House or Senate) |
| Merck & Co., Inc. | flyway; Canadian flyway, etc. |
| Merrill Lynch | Force(s), if part of name; the force(s): |
| Microsoft | Active Forces |
| Pfizer Inc. | Active-Duty |
| Phelps Dodge Corp. | Air (<i>see also</i> Air Force) |
| PricewaterhouseCoopers | All-Volunteer |
| Procter & Gamble Co. | Armed Forces (synonym for overall |
| Rand McNally & Co. | U.S. Military Establishment) |
| Rolls-Royce | Army Field Forces; the Field Forces |
| Sun Microsystems | Fleet Marine |
| 3M | Navy Battle (<i>see</i> Navy) |
| Twitter | Navy Scouting (<i>see</i> Navy) |
| Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. | Rapid Deployment |
| Walmart | Task Force 70; the task force; <i>but</i> task |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. | force report |
| Weyerhaeuser Co. | United Nations Emergency; the |
| Xerox Corp. | Emergency Force; the Force; <i>but</i> |
| YouTube | United Nations police force |
| First Family (Presidential) | foreign cabinets: |
| First Lady (wife of President) | Minister of Foreign Affairs; Foreign |
| First World War (<i>see</i> War) | Minister; the Minister |
| flag code | Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Ministry |
| flag, U.S.: | Office of Foreign Missions; the Office |
| Old Flag, Old Glory | Minister Plenipotentiary |
| Stars and Stripes | Premier |
| Star-Spangled Banner | Prime Minister |
| | Foreign Legion (French); the legion |

Foreign Service; the Service:
 officer
 Officer Corps; the corps
 Reserve officer; the Reserve officer
 Reserve Officer Corps; the Reserve
 Corps; the corps
 Staff officer; the Staff officer
 Staff Officer Corps; the Staff Corps; the
 corps
 Forest, if part of name; the national forest;
 the forest:
 Angeles National
 Black
 Coconino and Prescott National Forests
but State and National forests (*see*
 System)
 Forester (Chief of Forest Service); the Chief;
also Chief Forester
 form 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Form 2, when part of
 title: Form 1040: Individual Income
 Tax Return; *but* withholding tax form
 Fort McHenry, etc.; the fort
 Foundation, if part of name; capitalized
 standing alone if referring to Federal
 unit:
 Chemical; the foundation
 Ford; the foundation
 National Science; the Foundation
 Russell Sage; the foundation
 Founding Fathers; Founders/Founder (of
 this Nation, Country)
 four freedoms
 Framers (of the U.S. Constitution; of the
 Bill of Rights)
 free world
 Frisco (for San Francisco; no apostrophe)
 Fritalux (*see* alliances)
 Fund, if part of name; capitalized standing
 alone if referring to international or
 United Nations fund:
 Democracy (United Nations); the Fund
 International Monetary; the Fund

but civil service retirement fund;
 highway trust fund; mutual security
 fund; national service life insurance
 fund; revolving fund

G

Gadsden Purchase
 Gallery of Art, National (*see* National)
 Gallup Poll; the poll
 Gambia, The
 GAO (Government Accountability Office)
 Geiger counter
 General Order No. 14; General Orders No.
 14; a general order
 General Schedule
 Generation X
 gentile
 Geographer, the (State Department)
 geographic terms (terms, such as those
 listed below,² are capitalized if part of
 name; are lowercased in general sense
 (rivers of Virginia and Maryland)):

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| Archipelago | Cascade |
| Area | Cave |
| Arroyo | Cavern |
| Atoll | Channel; <i>but</i> |
| Bank | Mississippi River |
| Bar | channel(s) |
| Basin, Upper (Lower) | Cirque |
| Colorado River, etc. (legal entity); <i>but</i> Hansen | Coulee |
| flood-control basin; | Cove |
| Missouri River | Crag |
| basin (drainage); | Crater |
| upper Colorado | Creek |
| River storage project | Crossroads |
| | Current (ocean feature) |
| Bay | Cut |
| Bayou | Cutoff |
| Beach | Dam |
| Bench | Delta |
| Bend | Desert |
| Bight | Divide |
| Bluff | Dome (not geologic) |
| Bog | Draw (stream) |
| Borough (boro) | Dune |
| Bottom | Escarpment |
| Branch (stream) | Estuary |
| Brook | Falls |
| Butte | Fault |
| Canal; the canal (Panama) | Flat(s) |
| Canyon | Floodway |
| Cape | Ford |
| | Forest |

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| Fork (stream) | Palisades |
| Gap | Park |
| Geyser | Pass |
| Glacier | Passage |
| Glen | Peak |
| Gorge | Peninsula |
| Gulch | Plain |
| Gulf | Plateau |
| Gut | Point |
| Harbor | Pond |
| Head | Pool |
| Hill | Port (water body) |
| Hogback | Prairie |
| Hollow | Range (mountain) |
| Hook | Rapids |
| Horn | Ravine |
| Hot Spring | Reef |
| Icefield | Reservoir |
| Ice Shelf | Ridge |
| Inlet | River |
| Island | Roads (anchorage) |
| Isle | Rock |
| Islet | Run (stream) |
| Keys (Florida only) | Sea |
| Knob | Seaway |
| Lagoon | Shoal |
| Lake | Sink |
| Landing | Slough |
| Ledge | Sound |
| Lowland | Spit |
| Marsh | Spring |
| Massif | Spur |
| Mesa | Strait |
| Monument | Stream |
| Moraine | Summit |
| Mound | Swamp |
| Mount | Terrace |
| Mountain | Thoroughfare |
| Narrows | Trench |
| Neck | Trough |
| Needle | Valley |
| Notch | Volcano |
| Oasis | Wash |
| Ocean | Waterway |
| Oxbow | Woods |

Geological Survey (*see* Survey)

GI bill of rights

Girl Scouts (organization); a Girl Scout; a Scout; Scouting

G-man

Gold Star Mothers (*see* American)

Golden Age (*see* Ages)

Golden Rule

Gospel, if referring to the first four books of the New Testament; *but* gospel music

Government:

British, etc.; the Government

department, officials, -owned, publications, etc. (U.S. Government)

National and State Governments

Printing Office (historical)

Publishing Office (*see* Office)

U.S.; National; Federal; Tribal

Government information product

government:

Churchill

Communist

District (of Columbia)

European governments

Federal, State, and municipal governments

insular; island

local

military

seat of

State

State and Provincial governments

Territorial

governmental

Governor:

of Louisiana, etc.; the Governor; a Governor; State Governor(s); Governors' conference

of Puerto Rico; the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board; the Governor

Governor General of Canada; the Governor General

govinfo (always bold)

grand jury (*see* Federal)

Grange, the (National)

grant, Pell

graph 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Graph 2, when part of title: Graph 2.—Production levels

Great:

Basin

Depression

Divide

Lakes; the lakes; lake(s) traffic

Plains; *but* southern Great Plains

Seal (any nation)
 Society
 War (*see* War)
 White Way (New York City)
 great circle (navigation)
 Greater Los Angeles, Greater New York
 gross national product (GNP)
 Group:
 G8 (Group of 8) (representatives of the
 eight leading industrial nations)
 Helsinki Monitoring; the group
 Military Advisory Group; the group
 Standing (*see* Organization)
 World Bank
 group 2, II, A, etc.; *but* Group 2, when part
 of title: Group II: List of Counties by
 States
 Guard, National (*see* National)
 guardsman (*see* Coast Guard; National
 Guard)
 Gulf:
 Coast States; *but* gulf coast
 of Mexico; the gulf
 States
 Stream; the stream

H

Hague, The
 Hall (U.S. Senate or House)
 Halls of Congress
 H-bomb; H-hour
 Headquarters:
 Alaskan Command; the command
 headquarters
 4th Regiment Headquarters; regimental
 headquarters
 32d Division Headquarters; the division
 headquarters
 hearing examiner
 Heaven (religious); heaven (place)
 Heimlich maneuver
 hell (place)
 Hells (no apostrophe) Canyon

Hemisphere, Eastern; Western; etc.; the
 hemisphere
 Hezbollah
 High Church
 High Commissioner
 High Court (*see* Supreme Court)
 high definition
 High School, if part of name: Western; the
 high school
 Highway No. 40; Route 40; State Route 9;
 the highway
 Hill (the Capitol)
 Hispanic
 Holocaust, the (World War II); a holocaust
 Holy Scriptures; Holy Writ (Bible)
 home page
 Hoosier
 Hospice, if part of name
 Hospital, if part of name; the hospital:
 Howard University
 St. Elizabeths (no apostrophe)
 but naval (marine or Army) hospital
 hospital corpsman (*see* corpsman)
 House, if part of name:
 Blair
 Johnson house (private residence)
 of Representatives; the House (U.S.)
 Office Building (*see* Building)
 Ohio (State); the house
 but both Houses; lower (or upper)
 House (Congress)
 House of Representatives (U.S.), titles of
 officers standing alone capitalized:
 Chairman (Committee of the Whole)
 Chaplain
 Clerk; *but* legislative clerk, etc.
 Doorkeeper
 Official Reporter(s) of Debates
 Parliamentarian
 Postmaster
 post office
 Sergeant at Arms

Speaker pro tempore
 Speaker; speakership
 HUD (Department of Housing and Urban
 Development)
 Hudson's Bay Co.
 Hurricane Andrew, Katrina, Rita, etc.

I

ice age (*see* Ages)
 imam
 Independent Party; an Independent
 Indians (*see* 3.18):
 Absentee Shawnee
 Alaska (*see* Native)
 Eastern (or Lower) Band of Cherokee;
 the Band
 Five Civilized Tribes; the Tribes
 Native Americans
 Shawnee Tribe; the Tribe
 Six Nations (Iroquois Confederacy)
 Tribe (if federally recognized)
 Initiative, Caribbean Basin; *but* strategic
 defense initiative
 Inquisition, Spanish; the Inquisition
 inspector general
 Institute, if part of name; capitalized
 standing alone if referring to Federal
 or international organization:
 National Cancer; the Cancer Institute;
 the Institute
 National Institutes of Health; the
 Institutes
 of International Law; the Institute
 Woman's; the institute
 Institution, if part of name; capitalized
 standing alone if referring to
 Federal unit:
 Brookings; the institution
 Carnegie; the institution
 Smithsonian; the Institution
 insular government; island government
 intercoastal waterway (*see* waterway)
 interdepartmental

interface
 International Court of Justice; the Court
 international:
 banks (*see* Bank)
 boundary
 dateline
 law
 Morse code (*see* Code)
 internet (lowercase within a sentence)
 Internet (uppercase "I" to start a sentence)
 Internet of Things
 Interstate 95; I-95; the interstate
 Intracoastal Waterway; the waterway (*see*
 also waterway)
 intranet
 intrastate
 Irish potato
 Iron Curtain; the curtain
 Islam; Islamic
 Isthmian Canal (*see* Canal)
 Isthmus of Panama; the isthmus

J

Japan Current (*see* Current)
 Java (computer language)
 Jersey cattle
 Job Corps
 Joint Chiefs of Staff; Chiefs of Staff
 Joint Committee on Printing (*see*
 Committee)
 Journal clerk; the clerk
 Journal (House or Senate)
 Judge Advocate General, the
 judge; chief judge; circuit judge; district
 judge; *but* Judge Judy
 judiciary, the
 Justice; Justice Alito, etc.

K

kaffiyeh (Arabic headdress)
 King of Thailand, etc.; the King
 Koran, the; Koranic
 Krugerrand

L

Laboratory, if part of name; capitalized standing alone if referring to Federal unit: Forest Products; the Laboratory; *but* laboratory (non-Federal)

Lake: Erie, of the Woods, Great Salt; the lake

Lane, if part of name: Maiden; the lane

Latino, Latina

Latter-day Saints

law, copyright law; Ohm's, etc.

League, Urban; the league

Legion:
American; the Legion; a Legionnaire
French Foreign; the legion

Legislative Assembly, if part of name:
of New York; of Puerto Rico, etc.; the legislative assembly; the assembly

legislative branch, clerk, session, etc.

Legislature:
National Legislature (U.S. Congress); the Legislature
Ohio Legislature; Legislature of Ohio; the State legislature; the legislature

Letters Patent No. 378,964; *but* patent No. 378,964; letters patent

Liberal Party; a Liberal

Libertarian Party; a Libertarian

Liberty Bell

Librarian of Congress; the Librarian

Library:
Army; the library
Harry S. Truman; the library
of Congress; the Library
Hillsborough Public; the library

Lieutenant Governor of Idaho, etc.; the Lieutenant Governor

Light, if part of name; the light:
Boston
Buffalo South Pier Light 2; *but* light No. 2; light 2
but Massachusetts Bay lights

Lighthouse (*see* Light Station)

Lightship, if part of name; the lightship:
Grays Reef
North Manitou Shoal

Light Station, if part of name; the light station; the station:
Minots Ledge
Watch Hill

Line(s), if part of name; the line(s):
Greyhound (bus)
Holland America (cruises)
Magenot (fortification)

line:
Mason-Dixon line *or* Mason and Dixon's line
State

listserv

Local:
Columbia Typographical Union, Local 101
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 180; *but* local No. 180

local time, local standard time (*see* time)

locator service

Loop, the (*see* cities)

Louisiana Purchase

Low Church

Lower, if part of name:
California (Mexico)
Colorado River Basin
Egypt
Peninsula (of Michigan)

lower:
48 (States)
House of Congress
Mississippi

M

Madam:
Chair
Chairman
Chairwoman

Magna Carta

Majesty, His, Her, Your; Their Majesties

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| Majority Leader McConnell; Majority Leader McCarthy; <i>but</i> the majority leader (U.S. Congress) | Merchant Marine Reserve; the Reserve; <i>but</i> U.S. merchant marine; the merchant marine |
| Mall, The National; The Mall (District of Columbia) | Metroliner |
| Mansion, Executive (<i>see</i> Executive) | Metropolitan Washington, etc.; <i>but</i> Washington metropolitan area |
| map 3, A, II, etc.; <i>but</i> Map 2, when part of title: Map 2.—Railroads of Middle Atlantic States | midcontinent region |
| mariculture | Middle Ages (<i>see</i> Ages) |
| Marine Corps; the corps: Marines (the corps); <i>but</i> marines (individuals) Reserve; the Reserve <i>also</i> a marine; a woman marine; the women marines (individuals); soldiers, sailors, coastguardsmen, and marines | Middle Atlantic States |
| Maritime Provinces (Canada) (<i>see</i> Province) | Middle East; Mideast; Mideastern; Middle Eastern (Asia) |
| Marshal (<i>see</i> Supreme Court) | Midwest (section of United States); Midwestern States; <i>but</i> midwestern farmers, etc. |
| marshal (U.S.) | Military Academy (<i>see</i> Academy) |
| medals (<i>see</i> decorations) | Military Establishment (<i>see</i> Establishment) |
| Medicaid | milkshed, Ohio, etc. (region) |
| MediCal | millennials |
| Medicare Act; Medicare plan | millennium |
| Medicare Plus | Minister Plenipotentiary; the Minister; Minister Without Portfolio (<i>see also</i> foreign cabinets) |
| Medicare Program | Ministry (<i>see</i> foreign cabinets) |
| Medigap | Minority Leader Reid; Minority Leader Pelosi; <i>but</i> the minority leader (U.S. Congress) |
| Member, if referring to Senator, Representative, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of U.S. Congress; <i>also</i> Member at Large; Member of Parliament, etc.; <i>but</i> membership; member of U.S. congressional committee | Mint, Philadelphia, etc.; the mint |
| Memorial: Jefferson Lincoln Vietnam WWII Korean Franklin D. Roosevelt etc.; the memorial | minutemen (colonial) |
| | missiles: capitalize such missile names as Hellfire, Sparrow, Tomahawk, Scud, Trident, etc.; <i>but</i> cruise missile, air-to-air missile, surface-to-air missile, etc. |
| | Mission, if part of name; the mission: Gospel <i>but</i> diplomatic mission; military mission; Jones mission |
| | Monument: Bunker Hill; the monument Grounds; the grounds (Washington Monument) National (<i>see</i> National) Washington; the monument (District of Columbia) |

Mountain States

mountain time, mountain standard time
(*see* time)

Moving Pictures Experts Group (MPEG)

Mr. Chairman; Mr. Secretary; etc.

Mujahedeen

mullah

Museum, capitalize with name; the
museum:

Field

National

National Air and Space; the Air Museum

National Museum of African American
History and Culture

National Museum of the American
Indian

N

Nation (synonym for United States); *but* a
nation; nationwide; *also* French
nation, Balkan nations

nation, in general, standing alone

National, in conjunction with capitalized
name:

Academy of Sciences (*see* Academy)

Archives and Records Administration;
the National Archives; the Archives

Capital (Washington); the Capital; *but*
national capital area

Endowment for the Arts; the
Endowment

Gallery of Art; the National Gallery;
the gallery

Grange; the Grange

Guard, Ohio, etc.; Air National; the
National Guard; the Guard; a
guardsman; Reserve; *but* a National
Guard man; National Guardsman

Legislature (*see* Legislature)

Muir Woods National Monument, etc.;
the national monument; the
monument

Museum (*see* Museum)

Park Service

Park, Yellowstone, etc.; Yellowstone Park;
the national park; the park

Treasury; the Treasury

War College

Woman's Party

Zoological Park (*see* Zoological)

national:

agency check (NAC)

anthem, customs, spirit, etc.

British, Mexican, etc.

defense agencies

stockpile

water policy

Native: Alaska; American; *but* Ohio native,
etc.

Naval, if part of name:

Academy (*see* Academy)

Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River;
Pensacola; etc.

Base Guam; the naval base

Observatory (*see* Observatory)

Reserve; the Reserve; a reservist

Reserve Force; the force

Reserve officer; a Reserve officer

Shipyards (if preceding or following name):
Brooklyn Naval Shipyard; Naval
Shipyard, Brooklyn; *but* the naval
shipyard

Volunteer Naval Reserve

War College; the War College; the college

naval, in general sense:

command (*see* Command)

expenditures, maneuvers, officer,
service, stores, etc.

petroleum reserves; *but* Naval
Petroleum Reserve No. 2 (Buena
Vista Hills Naval Reserve); reserve No. 2

navel orange

Navy, American or foreign, if part of name;
capitalized standing alone only if
referring to U.S. Navy:

Admiral of the; the admiral

Battle Force; the Battle Force; the force
 Establishment; the establishment
 Hospital Corps; hospital corpsman; the
 corps
 Regular
 Seabees (construction battalion); a
 Seabee
 navy yard
 Nazi; Nazism
 Near East (Balkans, etc.)
 network
 New Deal; anti-New Deal
 New England States
 New Federalism
 New Frontier
 New World; *but* new world order
 North:
 Atlantic
 Atlantic States
 Atlantic Treaty (*see* Treaty)
 Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
 (*see* Organization)
 Equatorial Current (*see* Current)
 Korea
 Pole
 Slope (Alaska)
 Star (Polaris)
 the North (section of United States)
 north:
 Africa
 Ohio, Virginia, etc.
 north-central region, etc.
 Northeast corridor
 northern Ohio
 Northern States
 northerner
 Northwest Pacific
 Northwest Territory (1799)
 Northwest, the (section of the United States)
 Northwest Washington (*see* cities)
 Northwestern:
 States
 United States

numbers capitalized if spelled out as part of
 a name:

Air Force One (Presidential plane)
 Charles the First
 Committee of One Hundred
 Twenty-third Census (*see* Census)

O

Observatory, capitalized with name:

Astrophysical; the Observatory
 Lick; the observatory
 (nongovernmental)
 Naval; the Observatory

Occident, the; occidental

Ocean, if part of name; the ocean:

Antarctic
 Arctic
 Atlantic
 North Atlantic, etc.
 Pacific
 Southern
 South Pacific, etc.
 Southwest Pacific, etc.

Oceanographer (the Hydrographer), Navy

Office, if referring to unit of Federal

Government; the Office:

Executive
 Foreign and Commonwealth (U.K.)
 Government Printing; the Printing
 Office (historical)
 Government Publishing; the Publishing
 Office; the Office
 Naval Oceanographic
 of Chief of Naval Operations
 of General Counsel
 of Management and Budget
 of Personnel Management
 of the Secretary (Defense); Secretary's
 Office
 Patent and Trademark
but New York regional office (including
 branch, division, or section therein);
 the regional office; the office

officer:

Army
Marine; *but* naval and marine officers
Navy; Navy and Marine officers
Regular Army; Regular; a Regular
Reserve

Old Dominion (Virginia)

Old South

Old World

Olympic Games; Olympiad; XXXI Olympic
Games

ombudsman, Maryland (State)

online

Operation Iraqi Freedom, Desert Storm

Order of Business No. 56 (congressional
calendar)

Ordinance:

Corps (*see* Corps)
Department; the Department

Organization, if part of name; capitalized
standing alone if referring to
international unit:

International Labour (ILO)

North Atlantic Treaty (NATO):

Chiefs of Staff
Committee of Defense Ministers
Council

Council of Foreign Ministers

Defense Committee

Military Committee

Pact

Regional Planning Group; the Group

Standing Group; the Group

of American States (OAS)

United Nations Educational, Scientific,
and Cultural (UNESCO)

but nongovernmental organization (NGO)

Orient, the; oriental (objects)

Osama bin Laden

Outer Continental Shelf (*see* Continental)

P

Pacific (*see also* Atlantic):

Basin

coast

Coast States

Northwest

rim

seaboard

slope

South

States

time, Pacific standard time (*see* time)

but cispanic; transpacific

pan-American games; *but* Pan American
Day

Pan American Union (renamed; *see*
Organization of American States)

Panel, the Federal Service Impasses
(Federal), etc.; the Panel

Panhandle of Texas; Texas Panhandle; the
panhandle; etc.

papers, Woodrow Wilson, etc.; the papers;
but white paper

Parish, Caddo, etc.; *but* parish of Caddo
(Louisiana civil division); the parish

Park, Fairmount, etc.; the park (*see also*
National)

Park Police, U.S.; park policeman

Park Service

Park, Zoological (*see* Zoological)

Parkway, George Washington Memorial;
the memorial parkway; the parkway

Parliament, Houses of; the Parliament

Parliamentarian (U.S. Senate or House)

part 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Part 2, when part of
title: Part 2: Iron and Steel Industry

Party, if part of name; the party

Pass, Brenner, capitalized if part of name;
the pass

patent (*see* Letters Patent)

Peninsula Upper (Lower) (Michigan); the
peninsula

Penitentiary, United States; the penitentiary

petrodollar

phase 2; phase I

Philippines, Republic of the
 Pilgrim Fathers (1620); the Pilgrims; a
 Pilgrim
 Place, if part of name: Jefferson Place; the
 place
 Plains (Great Plains), the
 plan:
 controlled materials
 5-year
 Marshall (European Recovery Program)
 Planetarium, Fels, Hayden; the planetarium
 plant, United States Steel, etc.
 plate 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Plate 2, when part of
 title: Plate 2.—Rural Structures
 Plaza, Union Station (Washington, DC);
 the plaza
 Pledge of Allegiance; the pledge
 Pole: North, South; the pole; subpolar
 Pole Star (Polaris); polar star
 Police, if part of name; the police:
 Capitol
 Park, U.S.
 White House
 political action committee (PAC)
 political parties and adherents (*see* specific
 political party)
 Pool, Northwest Power, etc.; the pool
 Pope; *but* papal, patriarch, pontiff, primate
 Port, if part of name; Port of Norfolk;
 Norfolk Port; the port (*see* Authority)
 Post Office, Chicago, etc.; the post office
 P.O. Box (with number); *but* post office box
 (in general sense)
 Postmaster General
 PostScript; *but* a postscript
 Powers, if part of name; the powers (*see*
 also alliances):
 Allied (World Wars I and II)
 Axis (World War II)
 Western
 but European powers
 precinct; first, 10th precinct
 Premier (*see* foreign cabinets)

Preserve, Sullys Hill, National Game
 Presidency (office of the head of Government)
 President:
 of the United States; the Executive; the
 Chief Magistrate; the Commander
 in Chief; the President-elect; ex-
 President; former President; *also*
 preceding name
 of any other country; the President of
 Federal or international unit
 but president of the Norfolk Southern
 Railway; president of the Federal
 Reserve Bank of New York
 Presidential assistant, authority, order,
 proclamation, candidate, election,
 timber, year, etc.
 Prime Minister (*see* foreign cabinets)
 Prison, New Jersey State; the prison
 Privy Council, Her Majesty's (*see* Council)
 Prize, Nobel, Pulitzer, etc.; the prize
 Proclamation, Emancipation; Presidential
 Proclamation No. 24; Proclamation
 No. 24; the proclamation; *but*
 Presidential proclamation
 Program, if part of name:
 European Recovery
 Fulbright
 Mutual Defense Assistance
 but universal military training;
 government bailout
 Progressive Party; a Progressive
 Project:
 Gutenberg
 Manhattan
 Vote Smart
 Proposition 13
 Prosecutor; Special Prosecutor (Federal)
 Province, Provincial, if referring to an
 administrative subdivision: Ontario
 Province; Province of Ontario;
 Maritime Provinces (Canada); the
 Province

Proving Ground, Aberdeen, etc.; the
proving ground
Public Law; Public Law 110–161, etc.
Public Printer; the Government Printer;
the Printer (historical)
public utility district (*see* District)
Pueblo, Santa Clara; the pueblo (place);
the Pueblo (Tribe)
Purchase, Gadsden, Louisiana, etc.
Puritan; puritanical
Pyrrhic victory

Q

Quad Cities (Davenport, Rock Island,
Moline, East Moline, and Bettendorf)
query
queue

R

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty
Railroad, Alaska; the railroad
Ranch, King, etc.; the ranch
Range, Cascade, etc. (mountains); the range
Rebellion, if part of name; the rebellion:
Boxer
Whisky
Reconstruction period (post-Civil War)
Red army
Red Cross, American, American National
Reds, the; a Red (political)
Reformatory, Michigan; the reformatory
Refuge, Blackwater National Wildlife, etc.;
Blackwater Refuge; the refuge
region, north-central, etc.; first region,
10th region; region 7; midcontinent
Regular Army, Navy; a Regular (*see also*
officer)
regulation:
greenhouse gas
W (*see also* Federal Reserve Board)
but Veterans Entitlements Regulations
religious terms:
Baha’i
Baptist

Brahman
Buddhist
Catholic; Catholicism; *but* catholic
(universal)
Christian
Christian Science
Evangelical United Brethren
Hindu; Hinduism
Islam; Islamic
Jewish
Latter-day Saints
Muslim: Shiite; Sunni
New Thought
Protestant; Protestantism
Scientology
Seventh-day Adventists
Seventh Day Baptists
Sikh
Zoroastrian
Renaissance, the (era)
Report, if part of name (with date or
number); the annual report;
the report:
2015 Report of the Chief of the Forest
Service
9/11 Commission Report
Annual Report of the Secretary of
Defense for the year ended
September 30, 2015
President’s Economic Report; the
Economic Report
Railroad Retirement Board Annual
Report, 2015; *but* annual report of
the Railroad Retirement Board
Report No. 31
United States Reports (publication)
Reporter, the (U.S. Supreme Court)
Representative; Representative at Large
(U.S. Congress); U.N.
Republic, capitalized if part of name;
capitalized standing alone if referring
to a specific government:
Czech

French
 Irish
 of Bosnia and Herzegovina
 of Panama
 of the Philippines
 Slovak
also the American Republics; South
 American Republics; the Latin
 American Republics; the Republics
 Republican Party; a Republican
 Reservation (forest, military, or Indian), if
 part of name; the reservation:
 Hill Military
 Standing Rock
 Reserve, if part of name; the Reserve (*see*
 also Air Force; Army Corps; Coast
 Guard; Foreign Service; Marine
 Corps; Merchant Marine; Naval;
 National Guard):
 Active
 Air Force
 Army
 bank (*see* Bank)
 Board, Federal (*see* Federal)
 city (*see* Bank)
 components
 Enlisted
 Establishment
 Inactive
 Naval
 officer
 Officers' Training Corps
 Ready
 Retired
 Standby
 Strategic
 Reserves, the; reservist
 Resolution, with number; the resolution:
 House Joint Resolution 3
 Senate Concurrent Resolution 18
 War Powers Resolution (short title)
 but Tonkin resolution

Revised Statutes (U.S.); Supplement to the
 Revised Statutes; the statutes; Statutes
 at Large (U.S.)
 Revolution, Revolutionary (if referring to
 the American, French, or English
 Revolution) (*see also* War)
 rim; the Pacific rim
 Road, if part of name: Benning; the road
 Roman numerals, common nouns used
 with, not capitalized:
 book II; chapter II; part II; etc.
 but Book II: Modern Types (complete
 heading); Part XI: Early Thought
 (complete heading)
 Route 66, State Route 9 (highways)
 rule 21; rule XXI; *but* Rule 21, when part of
 title: Rule 21: Renewal of Motion
 Rules:
 of the House of Representatives; *but* rules
 of the House; House rule X
 Standing Rules of the Senate
 (publication); *but* rules of the Senate
 also Commission rules

S

Sabbath; Sabbath Day
 savings bond (*see* bond)
 schedule 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Schedule 2, when
 part of title; Schedule 2: Open and
 Prepay Stations
 School, if part of name; the school:
 any school of U.S. Armed Forces
 Hayes
 Pawnee Indian
 Public School 13; P.S. 13
 school district (*see* District)
 Scriptures; Holy Scriptures (the Bible)
 Seabees (*see* Navy)
 seaboard, Atlantic, eastern, etc.
 seasons:
 autumn (fall)
 spring
 summer
 winter

seaway (*see* geographic terms; Corporation)
 Second World War (*see* War)
 Secretariat (*see* United Nations)
 Secretaries of the Army and the Navy; *but*
 Secretaries of the military
 departments; secretaryship
 Secretary, head of national governmental
 unit:
 of Defense; of State; etc.; the Secretary
 of State for Foreign Affairs (British); for
 the Commonwealth, etc.; the
 Secretary
 of the Smithsonian Institution; the
 Secretary
 also the Assistant Secretary; the
 Executive Secretary
 Secretary General; the Secretary General:
 Organization of American States
 United Nations
 section 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Section 2, when
 part of title: Section 2: Test
 Construction Theory
 Selective Service (*see* Service; System)
 Senate (U.S.), titles of officers standing
 alone capitalized:
 Chaplain
 Chief Clerk
 Doorkeeper
 Official Reporter(s)
 Parliamentarian
 Postmaster
 President of the
 President pro tempore
 Presiding Officer
 Secretary
 Sergeant at Arms
 Senate, Ohio (State); the senate
 Senator (U.S. Congress); *but* lowercased if
 referring to a State senator, unless
 preceding a name
 senatorial
 Sergeant at Arms (U.S. Senate or House)

Sermon on the Mount
 server
 Service, if referring to Federal unit; the
 Service:
 Extension
 Federal Mediation and Conciliation
 Fish and Wildlife
 Foreign (*see* Foreign Service)
 Forest
 Internal Revenue
 Marshals
 National Park
 Natural Resources Conservation
 Postal
 Secret (Homeland Security)
 Selective (*see also* System); *but* selective
 service, in general sense; selective
 service classification 1–A, 4–F, etc.
 Senior Executive
 service:
 airmail
 Army
 city delivery
 consular
 customs
 diplomatic
 employment (State)
 extension (State)
 general delivery
 naval
 Navy
 parcel post
 postal field
 rural free delivery; rural delivery; free
 delivery
 special delivery
 star route
 Shelf, Continental (*see* Continental)
 ship of state (unless personified)
 Sister(s) (adherent of religious order)
 Six Nations (*see* Indians)
 Smithsonian Institution (*see* Institution)

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| Social Security Administration (U.S.), application, check, number, pension, trust fund, system, etc. | special agent |
| Socialist Party; a Socialist | specialist |
| Society, if part of name; the society: American Cancer Society, Inc. of the Cincinnati | Special Order No. 12; Special Orders, No. 12; a special order |
| soil bank | Spirit of '76 (painting); <i>but</i> spirit of '76 (in general sense) |
| soil orders (see rule 3.30) | Sputnik |
| Soldiers' Home; the soldiers' home; (<i>see</i> Armed Forces Retirement Home) | Square, Lafayette, etc.; the square |
| Solicitor for the Department of Labor, etc.; the Solicitor | Staff, Foreign Service (<i>see</i> Foreign Service); Air (U.K.) |
| Solicitor General (Department of Justice) | standard time (<i>see</i> time) |
| Son of Man (Christ) | Star of Bethlehem |
| Sons of the American Revolution (organization); a Son; a Real Son | Star-Spangled Banner (<i>see</i> flag) |
| South: | State: |
| American Republics (<i>see</i> Republic) | Champion |
| American States | government |
| Atlantic | legislature (<i>see</i> Legislature) |
| Atlantic States | line, Iowa; Ohio-Indiana, etc. |
| Deep South (U.S.) | New York |
| Korea | of Israel |
| Midsouth (U.S.) | of Maryland |
| Pacific | of the Union Message/Address |
| Pole | of Veracruz |
| the South (section of United States); Southland | out-of-State (adjective); <i>but</i> out-of-stater |
| Southeast Asia | prison |
| southern California, southeastern California, etc. | Vatican City |
| Southern States | state: |
| Southern United States | church and |
| southerner | of the art: state-of-the-art technology |
| Southwest, the (section of United States) | welfare |
| space shuttle; the shuttle | <i>also</i> downstate, instate, multistate, |
| space station | statehood, statehouse, stateside, |
| spam (email) | statewide, substate, tristate, upstate |
| Spanish-American War (<i>see</i> War) | State's attorney |
| Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Speaker | state's evidence |
| | states' rights (international) |
| | States: |
| | Arab |
| | Balkan |
| | Baltic |
| | East North Central |
| | East South Central |

- Eastern; *but* eastern industrial States
 Eastern Gulf
 Eastern North Central, etc.
 Far Western
 Gulf; Gulf Coast
 Lake
 Latin American
 lower 48
 Middle
 Middle Atlantic
 Middle Western
 Midwestern
 Mountain
 New England
 North Atlantic
 Northwestern, etc.
 Organization of American
 Pacific
 Pacific Coast
 rights (U.S.)
 South American
 South Atlantic
 Southern
 the six States of Australia; a foreign state
 Thirteen Original; original 13 States
 Western; *but* western Gulf; western
 farming States
 Station, if part of name; the station; not
 capitalized if referring to surveying
 or similar work:
 Grand Central
 Naval Air Engineering
 television station WSYR-TV
 Union; Union Depot; the depot
 WAMU station; station WMAL; radio
 station WSM; broadcasting station
 WJSV
 station 9; substation A
 Statue of Liberty; the statue
 Statutes at Large (U.S.) (*see also* Revised
 Statutes)
 Stealth: bomber, fighter
 Stockpile, Strategic National
 stone age (*see* Ages)
 storage facility
 Stream, Gulf (*see* Gulf; geographic terms)
 Street, if part of name; the street:
 I Street (not Eye Street)
 110th Street
 U Street (not You Street)
 subcommittee (*see* Committee)
 subtropical, subtropic(s) (*see* tropical)
 summit meeting; Earth summit
 Sun; a sun
 Super Bowl
 Superfund; the fund
 Superintendent, if referring to head of
 Federal unit; the Superintendent:
 of Documents (Government
 Publishing Office)
 of the Naval (or Military) Academy
 Supplement to the Revised Statutes (*see*
 Revised Statutes)
 Supreme Bench; the Bench; *also* High
 Bench; High Tribunal
 Supreme Court (U.S.); the Court; *also* High
 Court; titles of officers standing alone
 capitalized:
 Associate Justice
 Chief Justice
 Clerk
 Marshal
 Reporter
but Ohio Supreme Court; the supreme
 court
 Surgeon General, the (Air Force, Army,
 Navy, and Public Health Service)
 Survey, if part of name of Federal unit; the
 Survey: Geodetic; Geological
 System, if referring to Federal unit; the
 System:
 Federal Home Loan Bank; the System
 Federal Reserve; the System
 National Forest; the System
 National Highway; Interstate Highway;
 the System

National Park; the System
 National Trails; the System
 National Wild and Scenic Rivers; the System
 Regional Metro System; Metro system
 Selective Service (*see also* Service)
 State and National forests
but Amtrak railway system; Amtrak system; the system
also Federal land bank system

T

table 2, II, A, etc.; *but* Table 2, when part of title: Table 2: Degrees of Land
 Deterioration
 task force (*see* Force)
 Team, USAREUR Technical Assistance, etc.; the team
 television station (*see* Station)
 Telnet
 Ten Commandments
 Territorial, if referring to a political subdivision
 Territory:
 Northwest (1799); the territory
 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands;
 Pacific Islands Trust Territory; the trust territory; the territory
 Yukon, Northwest Territories; the Territory(ies), Territorial (Canada)
but territory of: American Samoa, Guam, Virgin Islands
 The, part of name, capitalized:
 The Dalles; The Gambia; The Hague;
 The Weirs; *but* the Dalles Dam; the Dalles region; the Hague Conference; the Weirs streets
but the Adjutant General; the National Archives; the Archives; the Times; the Mermaid
 Third World
 Thirteen American Colonies, etc. (*see* Colonies)

Thirteen Original States
 Thruway, New York State; the thruway
 time:
 Alaska, Alaska standard
 Atlantic, Atlantic standard
 central, central standard
 eastern, eastern daylight, eastern daylight saving (no s), eastern standard
 Greenwich mean time (GMT)
 Hawaii-Aleutian standard
 local, local standard
 mountain, mountain standard
 Pacific, Pacific standard
 universal
 title 2, II, A, etc.; *but* Title 2, when part of title: Title 2: General Provisions
 Tomb:
 Grant's; the tomb
 of the Unknowns; of the Unknown Soldier; Unknown Soldier's Tomb; the tomb (*see also* Unknown Soldier)
 Tower, Eiffel, etc.; the tower
 Township, Union; township of Union
 trade names and trademarks:
 Blu-Ray MasterCard
 Coca-Cola TiVo
 Dr Pepper U-Haul
 Hersheypark UNIX
 iPhone VISA
 iPod Yahoo!
 iTunes ZIP Code (Postal)
 Trade Representative (U.S.)
 transatlantic; transpacific; trans-Siberian, etc.; *but* Transjordan; Trans-Alaska
 Treasurer, Assistant, of the United States; the Assistant Treasurer; *but* assistant treasurer at New York, etc.
 Treasurer of the United States; the Treasurer
 Treasury notes; Treasurys
 Treasury, of the United States; General; National; Public
 Treaty, if part of name; the treaty:
 Jay
 North Atlantic; North Atlantic Defense

of Versailles

but treaty of 1919

triad

Tribe; Tribal (federally recognized)

(*see* Indians)

Tribunal, standing alone capitalized only in minutes and official reports of a specific arbitration; *also* High Tribunal; the Tribunal (Supreme Court)

Tropic of Cancer, of Capricorn; the Tropics tropical; neotropic, neotropical, sub-tropic(s), subtropical

Trust, Power, etc.

trust territory (*see* Territory)

Tunnel, Lincoln, etc.; the tunnel; *but* irrigation, railroad, etc., tunnel

Turnpike, Pennsylvania, etc.; the turnpike

Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul)

U

U-boat

Under Secretary, if referring to officer of Federal Government; the Under Secretary:

of Agriculture

of State

of the Treasury

Uniform Code of Military Justice (*see* Code)

Union (if part of proper name; capitalized standing alone if synonym for United States or if referring to international unit):

Columbia Typographical

European

Pan American (former name; *see* Organization of American States)

Station; *but* union passenger station; union freight station

Teamsters; the Teamsters; the union; *also* the Auto Workers, etc.

Universal Postal; the Postal Union

Woman's Christian Temperance

but a painters union; printers union

United Nations:

Charter; the charter

Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (*see* Organization)

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

General Assembly; the Assembly International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

International Court of Justice; the Court Permanent Court of Arbitration (*see* Court)

Secretariat, the

Secretary General

Security Council; the Council

World Employment Conference

World Health Organization (WHO); the Organization

universal:

military training (*see* Program)

time (*see* time)

University, if part of name: Stanford; the university

Unknown Soldier; Unknown of World War II; World War II Unknown; Unknown of Korea; Korea Unknown; the Unknowns (*see also* Tomb)

Upper, if part of name:

Colorado River Basin

Egypt

Peninsula (of Michigan)

but upper House of Congress

U.S.S.R. (former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

V

Valley, Shenandoah, etc.; the valley; *but* the valleys of Virginia and Maryland

V-E Day; V-J Day; V-chip

veteran, World War II; Vietnam

Veterans Affairs, Department of (*see*
Department)
Vice Chairman, etc. (same as Chairman)
vice consul, British, etc.
Vice President (same as President)
Voice of America; the Voice
volume 2, A, II, etc.; *but* Volume 2, when
part of title; Volume 2: Five Rivers in
America's Future

W

War, if part of formal name:
Between the States
Civil
First World War; World War I; World
War; Great War; Second World War;
World War II
for Independence (1776)
French and Indian (1754–63)
Mexican
of 1812
of the Rebellion; the rebellion
on Crime
on Drugs
on Poverty
on Terrorism, Global
Revolutionary; of the Revolution; the
Revolution
Seven Years'
Six-Day (Arab-Israeli)
Spanish-American
the two World Wars
also post-World War II
war, descriptive or undeclared:
cold, hot
European
French and Indian wars
Indian
Korean
Persian Gulf; Gulf
third world; world war III
Vietnam
with Mexico

War College, National (*see* College)
War Mothers (*see* American)
ward 1, 2, etc.; first, 11th, etc.
Washington's Farewell Address
water district (*see* District)
waterway, inland, intercoastal, etc.; *but*
Intracoastal Waterway
web (lowercase within a sentence):
#address
#page
site
Web (upper case "W" to start a sentence)
Week, Fire Prevention; etc.
Weirs, The; *but* the Weirs streets
welfare state
West:
Bank (Jordan)
Coast (Africa); *but* west coast (U.S.)
End, etc. (section of city)
Europe (political entity)
Far West; Far Western States
Florida (1763–1819)
Middle (United States); Midwest
South Central States, etc.
the West (section of United States; *also*
world political entity)
west, western Pennsylvania
Western:
bloc
civilization
countries
Europe(an) (political entity)
Hemisphere; the hemisphere
ideas
Powers
States
United States
World
but far western; western farming States
(U.S.)
westerner
Whip, Majority; Minority
Whisky Rebellion (*see* Rebellion)

White (*see* Caucasian)

White House:

Blue Room

East Room

Oval Office

Police (*see* Police)

Red Room

Rose Garden

State Dining Room

white paper, British, etc.

Wi-Fi

Wilderness, capitalized with name; San

Joaquin Wilderness, CA; the

wilderness; *but* the Wilderness

(Virginia battlefield)

Wood, if part of name:

Belleau

County

Fort Leonard

World: New, Old, Third; *but* free world

World Bank; the Bank

World Series

World War (*see* War)

World War II veteran

world wide web, the web

X

x ray (note: no hyphen)

Y

year, calendar, fiscal

Your Excellency; Your Honor; Your Majesty; etc.

Youth Corps; the Corps

Z

Zika virus

ZIP Code number; ZIP+4

Zone, if part of name; the zone:

British (in Germany)

Canal (Panama)

Eastern, Western (Germany)

Frigid

Hot (infectious area)

of Interior (*see* Command)

Temperate, Torrid; the zone

U.S. Foreign Trade; Foreign

Trade Zone; *but* the foreign trade zone, free trade zone

zone:

Arctic

eastern standard time

no-fly

polar

tropical

Zoological Park (National); the zoo; the park